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AT THE GAZETTE OFFICE.

FIRST HAWAIIANS

Where They Came From As Told
By Mr. Churchill.

LOST IN WAR AND LEFT SAMOA

Battle of Matamata—Twenty-
Seven Generations Ago—Samoa
Creation—Ancient Ax.

The Y. M. C. A. hall was well filled
last evening for the lecture of Mr. Wm.
Churchill, ex-Consul-General for the
United States at Apia, Samoa. The
affair was under the auspices of the
Hawaiian Historical Society and Mr.
W. R. Castle presided, gracefully in-
troducing the visitor. Mr. Churchill is
a Polynesian student and authority.
He has several works on the subject
in preparation, one of which will have
early publication. His talk last even-
ing was the presentation of his own
view of the origin of the Hawaiian,
Maori, Tahitian and kindred races.

Samoa's date their genesis from the
dawn of creation and have a version
of the beginning which includes as an
incident the making of woman from a
worm. Mr. Churchill blushing apolo-
gized to the ladies present for this
statement. According to the Samo-
ans they were always just where they
are now and furnished the popula-
tion for the other Islands of the Pa-
cific. The emigrations were made
from various causes. War was usual-
ly the immediate reason for departure
of those who sailed away.

Twenty-seven generations ago, says
Mr. Churchill in presenting the con-
clusions from his researches, a people
called by the Samoans the Tongans
(supposed really to be Samoans from
a distant Island of the group, but not
definitely or absolutely classed or lo-
cated) made war upon the Samoans of
a certain Island. These Tongans sent
word that a massive stone must be
moved by the Samoans into the sea
or the falling laborers would be
slaughtered. The workers were unable
to accomplish the task, but the stone
was rolled into the sea through the
agency of a couple of salt-water eels
brought by a boy in a friendly party.
The Tongans came in considerable
numbers, but the pretext for an attack
was gone. It was noticed, however,
that they were determined to kill. To
gain time the Samoans provided dan-
cing for amusement, producing those
most skillful at posturing while se-
ated. To view the entertainment the
Tongans were required to stand in a
row. At a given signal the Samoans
fell upon the invaders and put them to
rout. Some escaped to the hills, but
others took to their boats and journeyed
to Hawaii and New Zealand, pro-
ducing the races now known as Maoris
and Hawaiians. Some of those present
last evening did not entirely relish
this version of the settlement of this
group.

There was much more in the story
told by Mr. Churchill. He talked but
one hour and five minutes. He himself
has many times heard the recital of the
history of the battle of Matamata, pre-
ceded by the legend or account of the
Samoa creation and followed by the
relation of the routing of the Tongans,
or original Hawaiians and Maoris.
Mr. Churchill says he not once
had the story entire told to him in less
than thirty hours. He is to be compli-
mented, certainly in showing such re-
markable ability at condensation. His
lecture was chock full of Samoan names
of necessity, but was interesting from
first to last.

Mr. Churchill read at times from
notes, but for the most part talked in
a conversational style as he leaned up-
on a genuine Samoan "talking stick."
The speaker exhibited a battle axe
which he is satisfied was used at the
vanquishing of the Tongans. It has a
name of that effect and has a well
authenticated history of several hun-
dred years. History of Hawaiians and
Maoris begins about twenty-three or
twenty-four generations ago, which is
considered near enough to the period
of the Tongan defeat to accept the dates
as practically the same. In his dis-
course Mr. Churchill used the name
of the present Malletta and traced his
family tree back for many generations.
The Samoan story of the creation does
not sound entirely strange. A great
God or spirit sent the thunder to build
from coral. The thunder called for
help and was given it. He asked for
more assistance and the lightning
came to work at the construction.

One of the legends of the land is of
the son of a king who was very pecu-
liar physically. This heir to a throne
had a body only to the waist. His
father made a tour of the Islands and
eventually succeeded in adding satis-
factorily to the head, arms and torso.
At the conclusion of Mr. Churchill's
talk he was warmly applauded and
upon motion of Col. W. F. Allen was
made an honorary member of the His-
torical Society. Mr. Castle announced
that the annual meeting of the Society
would be held next Monday evening at
7:30 at Y. M. C. A. hall, when it was
hoped all interested would attend and
that there would be something from

Mr. S. Percy Smith, the surveyor gen-
eral of New Zealand. Mr. Smith is
another distinguished authority on
matters Polynesian. A number of
ladies and gentlemen remained to be
presented to the ex-Consul-General,
who only smiled when it was suggested
that his ancient battle-axe would make
a valuable addition to the Bishop Mu-
seum.

BIG LAND DEAL

Project to Handle a Very Rich
Tract on Hawaii.

A very large land deal is now on
hand—a deal that involves the pur-
chase of some 26,000 acres in the Dis-
trict of Puna, Island of Hawaii. This
means about 40 square miles and the
man who is making all the arrange-
ments is C. S. Desky, who has done so
much toward the improvement of land
on this and the Island of Hawaii. The
scheme has been brewing for some little
time, but not until within the past
few days has the project come to a
focus.

Negotiations are now pending for
the purchase of this land, which lies
close to the coffee plantations of C. L.
Wight and Judge Carter. It is the
very finest kind of a place and wild
coffee is abundant there now. The
idea is to divide off the land into
tracts, improve it by the building of
roads and planting of useful trees and
sell to various people who have made
up their minds to go into the coffee
business.

A company will soon be incorporat-
ed, this to be composed of capitalists
and well known business men in the
city as well as capitalists of San Fran-
cisco who have money invested here.
The shares will come at \$100 each.

Mr. Desky will go to San Francisco
on the Moano of the 9th of December,
for the purpose of negotiating with the
San Francisco capitalists. All the
stock in the concern that is not taken
up here will be taken up by those San
Francisco men.

GIANTS TO MEET

Will Battle at Football
Thanksgiving Day.

Punahou and Town Elevens—A Fine
Contest Promised—Training
Hard for the Work.

Turkey will be one of the good
things on Thanksgiving Day. The
football game between the Town and
Punahou teams will be another. The
shouting and excitement of the after-
noon will help toward a very hearty
appetite. It will be a fight to the finish
and there will be no courtesy shown
by either side. It will be a game
where the best side will be the winner.
It is the opinion of many of those who
have watched the evolution of the
game of football in this country, that
the contest Thursday will be the very
best that has ever been played here.
Many of the men on the teams were
the first to enter into the playing of
the game of football in this city, men
who have profited by the experience
of previous years and who will stand
on the field Thursday fully acquainted
with the game. It will not be a case
of child's play but one continuous
fight from the beginning to the end.

An attempt will be made to have
the band out on the grounds during
the progress of the game, and it is sin-
cerely hoped that the effort will result
successfully, as there will be a very large
number of people out to see the con-
test, and a little music always gives
life to an occasion of the kind. As yet,
no referee has been chosen, but George
R. Carter has kindly consented to act
as umpire. In this place he has no
equal on the Islands and the boys con-
cerned may be thankful that they have
secured his service. The linesmen
have not yet been chosen, but the two
teams will take good care that the
men who act, know something about
their duties. Harry Waterhouse has
been mentioned by the Town team.

The Punahou team is in excellent
form for the game. They have had no
unfortunate happenings, such as the
Town team, and the men who started
out with them in the beginning are
still with them. The team is out regu-
larly every afternoon and has been in-
dulging in some very hard practice.
It is a foregone conclusion that Bab-
bitt will play quarter. He is the life
of the team, but unfortunately, has
not gotten completely over the acci-
dent he met with in one of the games
he played a short time after arrival
here. This prevents his joining in a
scrimmage, but he sometimes forgets
himself and goes in anyway. Antonio
Long will probably play half-back in-
stead of a position on one of the ends
as he did in the last game.

The Town team is somewhat crippled.
It is now learned that Tuft of the
Inter-Island company will not play
on account of his duties as freight
clerk on the Mikahala. The other mis-
haps have already been mentioned in
the columns of this paper.

The Punahou men are very confident
that they will win the game, although
some of their number say that they
are not sure. They are fearful of be-
coming the favorites, well knowing in
previous occasions of the kind, what
happened to the favorites. Some of
the Punahou partisans are even giving
odds in the matter of bets, but there
are not many of this kind to be found.
An even bet is very satisfactory.

HAD A GOOD CROP

Approximate Report on Last Year's
Sugar Yield.

THE ISLAND PLANTERS MEET

Reports of Officers and Commit-
tees—Address of President
Hackfeld.

SUGAR CROP 1896-7.

Island.	Tons.
Hawaii	126,736
Mau	41,047
Oahu	28,929
Kauai	51,864
Total	248,576

The above is the rough estimate read
to the Association by Secretary Bolte
in his report yesterday.

NEW OFFICERS.

President—J. B. Atherton.
Vice-President—H. P. Baldwin.
Secretary—Bolte.
Treasurer—C. Jones.
Auditor—F. A. Schaefer.

Foregoing is the list of officers se-
lected by the trustees. All of the mem-



PRESIDENT J. B. ATHERTON.

bers of last year's board were contin-
ued in office.

This year's session of the Hawaiian
Planters' Association is not having the
usual large attendance. The regrets
sent, however, indicate no relaxation
of interest. Those present in person
yesterday morning at Assembly hall
were: Geo. F. Renton, H. M. Whitney,
W. C. Parke, C. Bolte, W. W. Goodale,
J. M. Horner, Geo. N. Wilcox, George
Weight, W. P. Blaisdel, H. P. Baldwin,
J. F. Hackfeld, W. M. Giffard, Theo.
H. Davies, J. B. Atherton, F. M. Swan-
zy, H. Morrison, J. Hoting, W. W. Hall,
and J. T. Crawley. Many owners and
corporations were represented by
proxy.

The day was an interesting one for
the planters. In the forenoon they
heard reports and spent the afternoon
at the Experiment Station in Makiki.
One of the best papers was by J. M.
Horner on machinery. His own new
device for handling cane by cable in
broken country was explained in de-
tail. Professor Maxwell, who mildly
protested against holding so many
chairmanships, read several reports.



VICE-PRESIDENT H. P. BALDWIN.

One on soils, including data of 1,400
analyses of soils, is yet to come. Pro-
fessor Maxwell was very earnest and
clear in his talk on deep ploughing and
light cultivation, urging both. His re-
marks on fertilizers and their applica-
tion were received with marked in-
terest.

It was at the suggestion of Messrs.
Swanzy and Giffard that the entire
afternoon was taken for inspection of
the local trial farm. In the course of
one of his reports Professor Maxwell
gave a very practical illustration of

how fertilizer might be wasted, show-
ing some valuable material that had
been carried away by water. He ad-
vocated use of molasses under certain
conditions and that all refuse be saved
and applied.

In calling the convention to order
for its deliberations Mr. John F. Hack-
feld made the following able address,
with its resume of the past and state-
ment of the present conditions:

"Gentlemen:—In opening this our an-
nual meeting, congratulations are
again in order on the very large crop
of sugar, which has been produced on
the Islands during the last year; al-
though the price realized has not been
as satisfactory as for 1896, you still
can be well satisfied with the results
obtained. I regret that, owing to
severe droughts which have been ex-
perienced during the last year in sev-



SECRETARY C. BOLTE.

eral districts, the output of sugar will
be materially reduced during the next
season.

"During the passage of the new
tariff bill in the Congress of the United
States considerable anxiety was felt
here in regard to the continuation of
the benefits now enjoyed by us under
the Reciprocity Treaty, but happily
the matter was finally settled in our
favor thus assuring to us for a time at
least a fair price for our principal pro-
duct. A Treaty of Annexation between
Hawaii and the United States, no doubt
a measure of considerable importance
for our industry, is now pending and
awaiting action by the U. S. Congress
in December next.

"The Laboratories and Experiment
Station of the Association have been
successfully carried on under the able
management of the Director, Dr. Max-
well; a considerable sum of money has
during the year been contributed by
the fertilizer manufacturers toward
the expenses of the Laboratory. It is,
however, to be regretted that the lat-
ter has not been patronized for the
analysis of fertilizers as generally as



TREASURER P. C. JONES.

was anticipated, especially as all ana-
lyzing of fertilizers is now done free of
charge to the plantations.

"At the Experiment Station some
very interesting experiments are being
carried on, about which Dr. Maxwell
will fully report to you; they consist
of raising cane with and without irri-
gation, of green fertilizing for the re-
storation of the soil, growing different
varieties of cane, and gaining exact
knowledge on irrigation and fertilizing
by the use of the lysimeter; I believe
a visit to the station will be well worth
to be considered as a part of our pro-
gram.

"The supply of labor, I am glad to
state, has in general been sufficient
during the past year; whether this will
continue, however, in future is some-
what doubtful and this matter will
probably require your special atten-
tion.

"Mr. Koebele, who still receives
financial aid from this association, has
been absent during the year, but is
shortly expected to return here; he has
continued to render very valuable ser-
vices for the Islands.

"The Income Tax law, passed by the
last legislature, has been declared
unconstitutional by the Supreme Court
owing to certain discriminating feat-

ures contained therein; the property
tax law has again caused a great deal
of friction in regard to the 'fair and
reasonable aggregate value' of various
sugar estates, as shown by the num-
erous appeals, which have become ne-
cessary and have thrown the burden



AUDITOR F. A. SCHAEFER.

of deciding this very difficult question
on the Judges of the Supreme Court.
I hope that the next Legislature will
revise the present tax laws to such an
extent that the constant appeals on the
tax returns may be avoided in future.
"Several valuable reports will be
submitted to you; as a great deal of
time will be lost by reading them in
full, I suggest that only the important
parts of same be read and taken up for
discussion.

"Before concluding, I beg leave to
express my best wishes for your future
prosperity and the hope that at our
next meeting the sugar industry of
these Islands may be in as promising
a condition as it is today."

A few of the planters may be com-
pelled to return to Hawaii today. The



JOHN F. HACKFELD,
(Retiring President).

Association is to continue its session
at 10 this morning. The trustees will
report back several matters and as-
sessments, etc., will be fixed upon.

ILLEGAL SELLING.

Serious Charge Against a Punch-
bowl Storekeeper.

John F. Sousa, the keeper of one of
the largest stores on the slope of
Punchbowl hill, was arrested by Chil-
lingworth and Vida early yesterday
morning, on the charge of selling
spiruous liquor without a license.
According to the informers, he has
been in the business for a long time,
but has always succeeded in evading
the law.

On Sunday night, the men chosen by
the officers, went into Sousa's place
and bought a quantity of liquor, pay-
ing therefor some marked coins. The
Police officers followed the matter up in
the morning, procured a warrant of ar-
rest and did the usual thing. No
search of the premises was made as
this was not considered necessary
under the circumstances.

Sousa was brought up before Judge
Peterson immediately after the arrest
and the case was set for November 23.

Police Court Notes.

Judge Peterson's time in the Police
Court yesterday morning was taken up
mostly with the consideration of cases
of drunkenness. Ten men paid the
usual fine and costs.

Nahakuili was sentenced to thirty
days' imprisonment for assault and
battery on Mele.

Ah Lina, the boy who stole the
money from the pocket of Antonio
Long's trousers at the Healan boat
club house the other night, plead guilty
to the charge and was sentenced to a
term of one year in the Reform School.
Tin Quai, the boy who accepted some
of the money from Ah Lina, was re-
primanded.

"The worst cold I ever had in my
life was cured by Chamberlain's Cough
Remedy," writes W. H. Norton, of Sut-
ter Creek, Cal. "This cold left me
with a cough and I was expectorating
all the time. The Remedy cured me,
and I want all of my friends when
troubled with a cough or cold to use
it, for it will do them good." Sold by
all druggists and dealers, Benson,
Smith & Co., agents for Hawaiian Isl-
ands.